Financial assistance to Agricultural Universities for research work

148. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Central aid given to various agricultural universities for research work during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that many of these universities have dismal record of research work;

(c) whether it is also a fact that not more than 50% of the funds allocated to these universities for research work was utilised last year; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are taking to see that these funds are judiciously spent on research work and further grants are sanctioned on the basis of progress of research made thereat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Sir, Under the National Agricultural Research project (NARP) which is the major source of funding for research in the Agricultural Universities, a sum of Rs. 41.29 crores were sanctioned during the last 3 years (1988-89 to 1990-91).

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of people affected by Dolomite Mining in Andhra Pradesh

149. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people in Madharam, Khammam District of Andhra Pradesh who have lost their lands as a result of the acquisition of the same for dolomite mining purposes;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the affected persons are tribals;

(c) whether Government are taking any immediate steps to provide jobs to the dependents of such people; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when these people are likely to get jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Allotment of land for B. T. Ranadive Memorial Trust

150. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had allotted a piece of land in Rouse Avenue for B. T. Ranadive Memorial Trust;

(b) if so, whether the said plot has been formally handed over to the Trust and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the said plot is likely to be handed over to the Trust so that the work of constructing the memorial can be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Government had taken a decision to allot a plot in the institutional area along Deendayal Upadhyay Marg (Rouse Avenue) for B. T. Ranadive Memorial Trust. However, further action for formal allotment of the plot and hading over the same to the Trust could not be taken since the said plot forms part of a bungalow which is presently under the occupation of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir. No firm date in regard to handing over the plot to the Trust can be given since this is dependent on vacation of the bungalow by the Government of J&K